

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 122
By Huskey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gary Stinnett, on receiving the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association East Tennessee Class AA A. F. Bridges Award of Excellence.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is very proud of our students who work hard, achieve academic success, serve as excellent role models and make positive contributions to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, each year the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, after careful consideration, specially recognizes a very select group of nine high schools, and selects them as recipients of the prestigious A. F. Bridges Award; and

WHEREAS, the TSSAA's first executive secretary, Mr. Bridges was and a person of high principles who displayed firmness and fairness, as well as the highest ideals of ethics, as he played a key role in the establishment of the TSSAA; and

WHEREAS, as an important part of the TSSAA's "Just Do What's Right" program, these awards recognize the selected schools' overall effort to encourage the positive ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship, ethics and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 honorees appropriately included East Tennessee Class AA representative Seymour High School; the school chose senior Gary Stinnett as their outstanding male student athlete who is exemplifies these high standards; and

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WHEREAS, academically, Gary has been an active member of the Beta Club and the school's Latin Club for four years; and

WHEREAS, athletically, Gary has been an outstanding member of the football team and a highly regarded member of the track team for four years and was a wrestler his freshman year; and

WHEREAS, his lengthy list of gridiron athletic honors includes being chosen All-County 10th through 12th grades, All-Regional Honorable Mention 10th grade, All-Regional 11th and 12th grades, All-Northeast Tennessee 11th and 12th grades, All-East Tennessee 11th and 12th grades, *Mountain Press* Back of the Year 11th grade, Associated Press All-State, and SWA All-State. He also received the track team's Best Sprinter Award in the 10th and 11th grades; and

WHEREAS, he has evinced his deep faith as an active, four-year member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has served admirably as co-president of the group during the 12th grade after serving as vice-president during the 11th grade; and

WHEREAS, Gary Stinnett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate and commend Gary Stinnett on receiving the A.F. Bridges Award of Excellence and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

